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CONVERSION OF A KAREN WOMAN TO CHRISTIANITY.\* BY MARY E. HERBERT. Beside the Salwen river, ring his last illness, remarked to him with joy, I took my lonely stand, upon his last testimony before the Church, of Watching with curious, wistful eyes,

is heaven!

A ship approaching land. Nearer it drew, and from it A stranger stepped on shore, A form so gracious, face so good, I never viewed before.

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In accents sweet and gentle, He straight accosted me, And said, " where'er thou goest, May peace abide with thee." Then with a kindly gesture, He clasped my willing hand, And soon again within the ship, I saw him sail from land.

With spirit sadly yearning, I marked him pass away, Then hasting, told my kindred, " An angel came to-day !" I told them of his greeting, How kind his words to me,

"As I had been a man," he spake. An angel he must be ! They listened, darkly scowling,

Then from my husband fell Fierce taunts and cruel scourging, That I such tale should tell. And sternly spake he to me. " For festal rites prepare, Hasten to Guadama's shrine, And choicest offerings bear."

Then changed my spirit in me-I would no longer bow; With flashing eye, undaunted mien, I made this solemn vow : "No more to Guadama An offering will I bring, For twenty years I've worshipped him,

A vile and worthless thing. Yet never came there answer, My broken heart to cheer: "Why suffers he, my husband, thus To goad me to despair ? But taunts and blows are useless For, hear me, from this day The God that made that white man good To Him alone I'll pray."

Then five long years I waited,

to believe the cleansing Word; and, in the and the hundred. Thankful for any number, and still be respected as a Christian ? strength of that faith, he bowed his whole will however small, that were saved through his Bot what is the remedy ? Is it not true that self of being received into full favour. For gents, for time does not allow for entering into sarily. When we came to set the stipends to utterly to Christ, and to Him surrendered all efforts, his prayer was in the words of the we as preachers fail to preach on practical mat- consider it is not your repentance, nor your that at all; but it is a satisfaction to know that be paid in that mission, I, as a mior, looked authority in his soul. The act of devotion was dying Xavier: "Amplius, Domine, amplius." ters, as the fathers did? We preach the obedience, better or worse, that procures the the Methodist Church fulfilled that service of very carefully into the matter, and I went to complete. Thenceforward life was a priest- "More, Lord, more !" - Western Christian "Gospel," but meddle not with political, social, favor, but the atoming sacrifice of Christ. With offering them full instruction in the Gospel district meeting prepared to recommend that hood, and sacrifice a vocation. His sister, du- Advocate.

THE CHURCH AND AMUSEMENTS. the bliss and duty of perfect love. His reply BY REV. A. D. FIELD. was, "I got it, I kept it, I have it now, and it Every thinking person has, so doubt, noticed

morning, on my knees, to renew my covenant cessary austerity and the gay and sinful plea- Even while we fly, the young people are think- ings. -Congregationalist with God; the forenoon of each week-day, as sures of the world. We are not called to be ing of the coming show, and planning for the far as possible, shall be given to regulated and monks or nuns, shutting ourselves out from the next party. The little foxes spoil the vines. consecrated study, each afternoon to visitation. joys of life on the one hand, nor to be triffing The little, sneaking jackals destroy the tender I will never, unless compelled, leave any house worldlings on the other. When God bestrewed plants ; but we have no time to look after little without prayer. Wherever I am to lodge, I this world with flowers, and made it vocal with foxes; our mission is to hunt the elephants and will, if possible, gather all together for united music of birds, and human voices, and acccor- lions. Worldly life is made up of trade, of family worship. I will ever faithfully rebuke dant reeds, he meant to indicate that amid the games, of play, of gossip, of petty slanders, of sin, wherever I see it, and finally I will seek severe conflicts of life, and the frequent sor- trifles, and should not the Gospel come down ever to act as one altogether given up to labour rows, his children should have recreative joys. among men adjusting life as it is ? We may our Wuchang mission, and I shall make it as for the salvation of the souls of men and the And no person has a better claim to the music, talk in an eloquent way of the future fruitage brief as I possibly can. I shall try to talk to promotion of the work of God."

But, however interesting it might be, we do of God. not propose giving a sketch of his life, but sim- At the same time there are forbidden pleaply to note a characteristic or two of his minis-

terial character. ups in which lurk the poison of souls ! I would He was direct, tender, convincing, as a be no croaker, and yet it seems to me that one times. Surely a soul alive to God and in unison colleagues there in the heart of China. My in those three cities, within-easy reach of misthe spirit of the hour. His illustrations, though Church is exposed, is the increasing approval with intellectual joys, need not go aside to the memory goes back to the first step taken tothe spirit of the nour. His illustrations, though not numerous, were obtained from the Scrip-tures, and from his daily observations and read-ing. Every incident and fact of life he coming. Every incident and fact of life he com-the Church. We have certainly relaxed our the first and lowest platform to the second and was in conversation with hin as to our mis-more impressive to me was what met my gaze more impressive to me was what met my gaze remonded to our anneal for subscriptions. In pelled to pay tribute to his ministrations. foretime rigor, and it is true that to a great ex-the third.—North Western Advocate. Preaching from the words in Deut. xxviii., 26 tent among fashionable Methodists there is a -29, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and laxity that threatens danger.

underneath are the everlasting arms," he said, "As I sat in the railway carriage, we stopped at Weedon; a soldier's wile, from the barracks there, came in with two young children and an underneath are the everlasting arms," he said, What is the cause of this yielding our former there, came in with two young children and an a great mingling of the apparently innocent is, to take possession of the inner life of a man; infant at the breast. Novelty, noise and mo-tim much and fidelity with which we administer your funde to bring the motives, the forces of his inner life Lord Elgin's treaty. You will remember, I saved. And there was this further considera-in the delity with which we administer your funde

one asleen. Then in my heart

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sures which dissipate the affections; enticing music Methodist people should be under the that young mission which is now being faithful flat expanse in which lay the city of Hankow, raised the funds necessary for these objects by necessity of resorting to these pleasurable pas-fully and vigorously prosecuted by my beloved the great emporium of commerce. There are our own efforts. You have heard the name of

sion to China Breakfust Meeting. London. through almost a continuous line of arches perty as far as it can be freehold in China, which

or individual sins. We talk of missions, of the Christ, and what he has done and suffered, our of Christ, and did prove that vast hordes of ma- 600 taels, equal to about 6s., should be the

final triumphs of the cross, of the sublimity and God is entirely pleased. He tells you so, and rauding men bent upon plunder could not fur-stipend of a single man in the mission. But

tion much excited the children who were not in games of chance into our public fairs; we have into comformity with temperance principles; dare say, that when I was at the China Breakarms; the one there busy drawing life from her into comformity with temperance principles; that when a missionary dialect in use there would carry a missionary dialect in use there would carry a missionary and the second carry a missionary bing him to love total abstinence, and he is fast nine years ago, my then superintendent. had semi-theatricats in our school exhibitions; bring him to love total abstinence, and he is have united games and dancing with the secret place him where you will, surround him Mr. Piercy, wrote to the secretaries, enclosing through the region known as the valley of the spiritual results over which angels, doubtless, we have united games and dancing with the secret place him where you will, surround him Mr. Piercy, wrote to the secretaries, enclosing through the region known as the valley of the secretaries of an interval we have united games and dancing with the secretaries of a secretaries The sudden whistle, which warned us of an socialties of the temperance lodge roam; we with temptations, put him in circumstances of a certain yellow silk letter, recommending them Yangtze, a valley containing seventy-five mil- would weep tears of joy. We have some sixty approaching tunnel, startled him somewhat; have attended plays of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." have attended plays of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." difficulty where he is to battle with the temta- to tell me off for a period from Canton, to visit lions of souls. Deducting five millions which members meeting in church-fellowship with us but her quiet glance of love assured him again, and the like in museums for the benefit of chil-tions of life, and he will stand, he will be a and he sank back to nestle in her embrace. dren; we have had theatrical plays of the un-hero in the fight under all circumstances, be-ble, establish myself as a Christian missionary

or larger beer, or of games, or shows. These which He finels in Christ alone. You are in-matters border on the personal, and we prefer deed sinful, more sinful than you think; but you some idea of these places, for it was what We have a large building where for six years Mr. Collins was admitted into the Wesleyan that the policy of evil is to make steady and to talk in the abstract; to take grand views; smulless is not excase for delaying for an m-struck me on my first visit that almost settled the Gospel has been preached in the great tho-Conference in 1831, his first appointment being slow encroachments on the Church. To adul- and go flying in the heavens blowing the trun- start to accept the full forgiveness tendered to the location of that new mission. Hankow was the Wark Mission. His evangelism was prim- terate true religion has ever been the chief pet of Gabriel! We take the wings of the he penitent believer. Half belief is deplorthe true religion has ever been the chief per or Gauran. We take the pennent benever. That benever, the next port that I visited, I was to visit all us that place, a house, and a hospital, in which the new treaty ports, and simply report to the means employed by the enemy to destroy the power of vital piety. And there is no influence is no influence in one stretch. In his diary, Oct. 28, 1831, he so enticing, and at the same time so enervating for a new mission. says, "I have no tears to shed over hard to piety, as worldly pleasures. Every minister to fly with us and arge as on. All this is pleas- Eord. Half belief excludes this joy, and leaves ... On my arrival at Hankow, I was hospitably Gospel teaching for the last five years. For so roads, but O, how many and bitter I have over has, no doubt, found that there is great diffi- sant, but while we fly, sin, social evils, worldli- the soul garnished and made ready for an army received by two members of the London Mishard hearts! I am resolved, every Sunday culty in defining the bounds between an unne- ness, come creeping in among the people.- of doubts and fears, and miserable forbod- sionary Society who had been two years there; gathered for the Jubilee Fund; and I do not and on the afternoon of my arrival I walked know how we should have secured these preout about half a mile to the westward of the mises but for that grant. We have in Hanyang town. There lay the city of Hanyang, with a a chapel and a school, and a chapel-keeper's population of some 60,000 or 80,000 in the aul school-keeper's house, which have not cost THE WUCHANG MISSION. city and suburbs. It is celebrated for the learn- the Society one cent. Then, again, in Wuchang ing of its students, and is a very ancient city, we have had missionaries resident for three From a speech by the Rev. J. Cox, at the Mis-As you walk through from east to west you pass years. We have premises there, freehold pro-

that you are still very sinful, not to assure your- you at all with my visit to the Christian insur- spend a dollar of the Society's money unneces-

Mr. Chairman, I must give a brief sketch of which have been erected to the memory of cele- has furnished accommodation for two mission and flowers, and delicacies of life, than the child of Methodism, but unless we do a little pruning you as one of yourselves, for I am simply your river lay the city of Wuchang, twelve or fournow and then, our vintage will grow gorgeous, agent, and I shall try to speak in all freedom teen miles in circumference, and containing selves in the same city of Wuchang a very good fruitless vines ! I cannot see why, in this age of books and take you, perhaps a little behind the scenes of to my left, on the opposite bank, was a broad one of the main thoroughfares. We have sions that he expressed an opinion that it would on turning round to the north, where I saw responded to our appeal for subscriptions. In be as well to try some other station in addition spreading away for seven long miles nothing Wuchang my two colleagues fived in a small to Canton. When I found a layman prepared but one continuous cemetery full of graves upon native house at great inconvenience rather than

matter, in consequence of the completion of Name given among men whereby we may be Chairman, that you should know the carefulness

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# influences of Christianity, but we dare not warns you not to seek in some improved con- uish a suitable field for the establisment of a my junior colleagues, who were to receive the " belittle " the pulpit by speaking of the dance, dition of yourself that ground of justification new mission. Now let me take you to the new pay outvoted my recommendation, and made it

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stirred with a desire after holiness, was enabled trophies won for the cross were by the score can a true Christian go into hafts of pleasure, notion that it becomes you, conscious as you are and save them that are lost. I shall not detain tation of the secretaries that we should not

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And sadly sent forth cry. "O! Father God, O! Righteous One. O! Just Lord, make reply. Wherever be thy dwelling. On land or in the sea, In the mountains, in the heavens,

Have pity upon me." And lo ! in gracious answer, Another stranger came; I at his feet sat gladly down, And heard of Jesus' name. Oh, precious, precious tidings The white man's God is mine

And for the love He shewed for me.

I all things would resign. No more to Guadama My kindred homage pay, But, bowing to Jehovah. They own his sovereign sway By Christ, our Lord, united. The heavenly race we run. Still working till our Master. Shall say to each. "Well done !"

Dartmouth, May 25. \* The above narrative rendered into verse by the \* The above narrative rendered into verse by the writer, was related to the wife of a Methodist mis-sionary in Burmah, by a Karen woman, who has simply, as did the old monk of Erfurt his, 'I wise. We are making the outsiders better believe in the forgiveness of sins,' to the com- and it were well if they do not make us worse been the instrument of the conversion of her hus-band and family, and of raising three churches,a wonderful example of the saving power of the fort of Frater Martin."

prayers fervent."

glorious Gospel. THE LESSON OF A LIFE.

The biographical department of Wesleyan literature in Great Britain has recently received Mr. Collins was born in Warwickshire, in 1810. His parents were persons of strong individuality, utterly unconventional, of great faith, seven. From the beginning of their seventh year Mr. Collins paid a penny a week for each

of his children into the ministerial fund, but ceased to do the same as each became able, of his own earnings, to do it. He was in the babit occasionally, of criticising the Church, but it was only the criticism of a loving heart. "Methodism." said he once, " has done much and well by conquest, but only little and inadequately by nurture. Our members are too unreliable-too little attached to their mother, and all because they know so little of her

Worth " In 1818, when young Collins' was just entering his ninth year, Gideon Ouseley, the famous Irish missionary, visited the neighbourhood of

ister, with whom and the father the holy man continued in prayer until the tears of the weep-

female members for work. of his private room. The young man's first sermon was preached in his seventeenth year in a large room of a private house at Stratford-on-Avon, to reach which place he walked fifteen organizer and a disciplinarian, a man that lived not differ now; in what can I change?

other societies; we have introduced dancing from without. But the great mass of men upon Thy bosom and under Thine eye. So as and in a word, many of the travelling shows must reach them from without, through public He was patient, continuous, and successful

evil for the sake of the good. as a pastor. He felt that three hours per day was the minimum time to be given to the work. 'And the less my number of members," remarked he to a friend, "the more I must visit." His tact was marvellous. He could settle the question in an instant whether it was our triends attend the theatre; our friends terson. proper for him to stay or go. "But I never,"

dance, and in social converse with them we canous calls. My questions must be affectionate not find it in us to condemn what they approve. until unawares we learn to look with leniency and pointed, my Scriptures appropriate, my upon these aberrations of our friends.

Theory, unsobered by necessity of practical moral worldlings. We, as a Church, have as a application, is a great source of German skep-necessity to depend upon what we call friendly ticism. Who would trust the therapeutics of "outsiders." They manage our sociables one who never healed? Medical professors they aid our festivals; they are put on decora reach their chairs through hospital wards. We tion committees ; they play the instruments in would reject a man, though he could unfold the our churches and sing in our choirs. This cancreed learnedly as Pearson, unless we knew not well be avoided under the circumstance that he could apply it also to the cure of souls, I do not know that it is best to have it other

Standing in these relations it is not strange Did he walk on the street and meet a friend that our members, especially our younger mem-

but a fitting word. Wearied one day with hall these worldly outsiders, I would say that their a dozen miles of journeying, he stopped by the views of Christian duty, and of the nature wayside, and asked of a woman a drink of worldly pleasures are not to be relied upon. water from a well. "As she brought it," said They ever study the question of pleasure, Collins, written by the Rev. Samuel Coley. he, "I took occasion to remind her of the while the true use should be to please God. with me in that years; you have had your account with us; are now baptized Christians. That man brought fountain which the Lord had opened, in which iney ask, now can i enjoy mysen? While ing, it ought to be alarming, what little things undertaking. There was something of the spir- and I am sure whatever you put your name to his boy, a lad of about 12 or 14 years, to my poor sinners may wash and be clean." So ten-der was his tone that the woman wept, and pro-I take in view of example and of eternity? der was his tone that the woman wept, and pro-mised to seek the Lord. Resuming his jour-Can we be spiritually minded and join in these mised to seek the Lord. Resuming his jour-ney, he met a woman carrying her child. After worldly amusements which dissipate the mind? and indomitable in their attachment to Method-ism. The father was a class-leader, and all members of his family were made members of his class when they had attained the age of bis class when they had attained the age of had attained the age of their attack He then told her of a rather whose arm never torus are to be given it by the world - ine honor." Alas, that we all are so careless in would accompany me, and enable me to go for- the missionary secretaries, and told them they admitted to class, he must be prepared to be to the world for its views.

> seclusion, fasting, self-examination, and prayer. may go out if I expose it to the breeze, will I A farmer said of him, "Before he sows the not walk with care? If within me is the light seed he always takes care to steep it well." of heaven, shall I peril its shining for the vain amusements of a social hour ? His sermons were numerous, but his topics few.

As in the broadside of a man-of-war, everything was so directed as to strike one mark.

have so many friends who indulge in what, but press, through literature, through conversation; friends play billiards; our friends drink wine; places and extensive influence.-Senator Pat-

## WEAKNESS AND WICKEDNESS.

it manifest itself in amorous freedoms and which you may immediately touch and strengthsocial liberties, it breeds charges of lascivious- en all our operations. I gave myself after the

HALF BELIEVERS.

In regard to most of these pleasures, the fol- belief dishonors God. God so loved the world wish I had laid that enterprise all aside; I wish Arthur's letter; and it is a blessed thing, my our members and his wite, who had been driven lowing severe rule is true : If I enjoy religion, that he gave his only begotten and well-beloved I had gone forth with nothing in my thought and Christian brethren, to receive such letters from out of their property because of their professthing was so directed as to strike one mark. Each shot was weighty, well aimed, and red-I will have little desire to go to them; and I Son. There was nothing half-hearted in that. purpose and aim, but to gather souls to the the Mission-house as I received from him. He ion of Christianity-and the woman when sho Lach shot was weighty, wen aimed, and red-hot. Nothing was thrown away; the whole cannot enjoy religion if I go. The attendance He gave his choicest treasure. He meant to Lord Jesus Christ, seeking that every Chi-wrote, among other things, "We trust to you first came to us seemed a most unpromising hot. Nothing was thrown away; the whole upon balls and theatres will destroy religious provide eternal redemption for us. He did naman with whom I came in contact should not to spend a single dollar of the Society's subject, but she and her husband have since clothed with Divine power. The heavenly lorce of the many was concentrated. Tex-fame melted many. Thomas was there—he pect," said he, "salvation in every sermon," enjoyment, and attendance upon them is quite provide it. He is able to save to the uttermost all be brought in contact with the Saviour. God money unnecessarily, and I pray God that given most ample proof of their sincerity pect," said ne, "saivation in every serinon, and almost always his expectations were real-sure evidence that the person who goes does who come unto God by Him. It cannot, there-has not left us without encouragement. I have scenes may be enacted in that place, and on came to me and asked me to dine with them fore, please him that you should take up with found more encouragement from my labour in the land which you have bought, over which I had declined an invitation to dinner from the

act broke utterly. The public service closed, ized. It seemed to him like retreat to go from but he would not leave. Touched by such in preaching to congregations at home. We inconsolable sorrow, Ouseley himself led the inconsolable sorrow, Ouseley himself led the inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had inconsolable sorrow in the set the people on fire, and had in the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had into the set the people on fire, and had below in the set the people on fire, and had below into the set the people on fire, and had below into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire, and had below into the set the people on fire, and had below into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire. The set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire, and there into the set the people on fire the set the people on fire t Mr. Chairman, I hope the day may come tation of this poor couple to a meal, and there-have upwards of sixty meeting in class in the boy into the house of a neighbouring minevery man, woman and child engaged in some example. We have found the way of the, and any representation that it should be tea in again when, labouring in China, I shall receive fore having suggested that it should be tea in communications from the Mission-house of the lieu of dinner, they came in the evening to my form of regular religious work. Of the women as we go up the mountain of Gou, there should all one as you, young mission to which I am relearing, out a communications from the Mission-house of the lieu of dinner, they came in the evening to my of the Church he wrote: "We have very many ever be a space between us and the world as a that it were modesty in you to be content that sometimes think, and it is a painful thought, some character. I carried it about with me for room (that being the most convenient arrange of the Church ne wrote: we have very many ever be a space between us and the world as a world be convenient arrange that if I had gone forth on that eccasion, think- some weeks, and I well remember the Watch- ment) with a tray full of all manuer of cakes ing child were wiped away, and he received, in the most in lubitable manner, the Spirit of adoption.

Adoption. Glad memory of that hour never failed. Warm gratitude to the instrument of good hever grew cold. A portrait of Ouseley was always thereafter one of the few adornments We make members for work. We make members for work. chance, goes to dances, laughs among the tri-flers at the theatre, and indulges in the common fess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive else which we wanted for our work there, and might be answered; that scenes might again her's, on account of the opprobrium to which female members for work. It is and again be enacted in our mission over which it would have subjected her; but the reply she and again be enacted in our mission over which it would have subjected her; but the reply she But we must not enlarge. To put his life in trivolities of nie, what can be as of the singlet difference, he was a stadent and a pastor, an The worldling can well answer-You and I do ousness. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth that both myself and my colleagues in the com-from all sin." He says that it does this; not ing year will labour directly for souls, and that had those scenes, Mr. Chairman. But let me happiness in her home with her husband and we specific that needed them. A heavenly sweetness and the specific to this world, and how his spirit, which for some time had been patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how his spirit, which for some time had been patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how his spirit, which for some time had been patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how his spirit, which for some time had been patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how his spirit, which for some time had been patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how have the patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how have the patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how have the patience reigned supreme in his heart, and his are not to be conformed to this world, and how have the patience reigned supreme in his heart, and hear

n to the Chinese rebels, but from my signary the message of mercy through our Lord I prayed: "So, O my Father, may I repose as a part of the exercises of the gymnasium, not be moved by this inner motive power; you conversation with the secretary and members Jesus Christ. I went to my little room from I have received letters from them constantly of the committee, I offered to go and do my ut- that scene very sad, and bowed myself in but I regret to say that one or two which I I enter the valley of death, may I fall asleep have mingled the benevolent, the practical, the prayer before Almighty God, and asked light behind a under the practical, the behind a under the practical the benevolent, the practical the behind a under the practical the benevolent the practical the behind a under the practical the benevolent the practical the behind a under the practical the benevolent the practical the behind a under the practical the benevolent the practical the behind a under the practical the benevolent the practical the benevolent the practical the benevolent the practical the behind a under the practical upon Thy arms, to awake and find myself with Thee in the light of eternity " Have learned to put up with the sprinklings of the net continuous and successful to one of the ports recently opened under Lord might spend twelve months of valuable time the sprinklings of the light of eternity " the work of the temperance man, it is to create Elgin's treaty. Shortly before I sailed I dined and a considerable sum of this Society's money, well remember one or two, which I will des A second cause of the encroachment of social a right public spirit, right sentiments in the with Dr. Osborn and Mr. Arthur alone, to talk and write back an interesting report as to the cribe. As to our Church members generally, evils arises from the fact that we have come to community. This must be done through the over this new project; we talked it over for a most suitable opening for a new mission in we have of course disappointments from the couple of hours very carefully and thoroughly, China; and that for this same report I should conduct of those whom we had hoped would for friendship's sake, we would condemn. Our it must be done by the example of men in high and at the conclusion of the conversation, Mr. get some acknowledgment from the secretaries; continue in the earnest service of the cause, Arthur took me aside and said : "You are sail- but it would be just ticketed "Cox's Report," and none but a missionary's heart knows the ing in a week, I want to write you a paper of and put into some pigeon-hole, where it would grief which he feels over a backsliding member instruction; I may not be able to catch you soon become covered with dust, and that would We have them, of course; but I believe these before you embark, but I will try to catch you be the end of it. So I felt the best course to sixty-four members, by their sacrifices tor at Malta; but supposing I fail to do so, you be taken was to cease my journey, and to ask Christ's gospel, and that I take it is a good Moral weakness, even in a man substantially know what we want, and we trust you." And the missionary committee there to fix a strong standard, would bear comparison with any like

sound at heart, never fails to be seriously da- with that commission, Mr. Chairman, I sailed mission, according to the hope which was given number of members from any church at home In his diary once he made this record, "Me-thodist preachers must be servants of all work. habit of taking our views from respectable and maging to reputation and usefulness. If it to China. When I reached Canton, and con-to me when I left this country. Time will not And there are amongst them those who have take the direction of trifling and levity, he is versed upon this matter in district meeting, Mr. allow of my going much into detail; but I will been disowned by friends, turned out of their suspected of having no serious Christian pur- Piercy first gave me the idea that I must be told just mention the first step which I took. Of homes, and deprived of their property. There pose, and what he calls wit and goodnature, off from Canton permanently for this new misothers call silliness; if it be in the form of cen- sion. I of course had to look carefully at this rental of houses was extravagantly dear. I than turn from the faith of the Lord Jesus sorious back-biting, he is supposed to be ma- undertaking, and I do not know whether it is therefore went to one of the British merchants, Christ to worship dumb idols. One of these licious, or at least not to have that love for his right to tell you of this fact, but I think I will, and I mention this for the purpose of acknow- members who has been disowned by his family neighbor' which is essential to true religion; if because it may suggest to you a method by ledging the courtesy which I have always was a petty official, an educated man, whose received, and the help which has been con- conversion was effected in this manner. He stantly afforded to me by British merchants in received a Testament at some distant place up ness; if it run into careless misrepresentation district meeting to a day of fasting and prayer, China. Finding it impossible to rent a the country; from that he found his way to of opponents, and unfounded accusations, it for these visits home, full of pleasure as they house at less than £200 or £300 a-year, I some church member, who introduced him to awakens suspicion of deliberate falsehood and are, and we hope, sometimes not without use-found I must buy and build a place myself. I our services. He came again and again, and slander; if it come to sight in the use of dubi- fulness, have still their temptations and dangers; therefore went to this merchant, and told him after a time he was baptized. That is a treor a stränger, he always had, not an obtrusive vers, need their advice. with all respect to ous and wrong measures to promote a good and when I went back there I felt as if I did not that I wanted money-that I was not entitled quent result of colportage in distant places. him more seriously than he imagines; reacting go with thee," and I shall never forget the day much do you want, Mr. Cox?" I said, £500. vices, and after some months she herself also always on inward character' and usually on out- and night I spent in my chamber before I could His reply was, "We have known you eight became a member, and thus the whole family by the world for its views. But why refrain from sinful anusements? I removing table and meet, trusting too much and and even to die for the safe of spreading the gospel; and how the But the great secret of his success lay in the fact that he was entirely consecrated to his work. But why refrain from sinful anusements? I and how the answer, first, for our soul's sake. Vital piety with tears in his eyes, responded to his work. was written with his own hand these words, "The solemn one thing of my life shall be to save souls." He had his habitual seasons of project filled my thoughts-that in six or seven that they highly approved of the action I had father and son together gave themselves to lished in some of the newly-opened ports. There before the committee, which met in a fortnight, Christ, to live and die in His service. I think

was a defect in my faith, which I pray my God but still they could not allow the mail to go Mr. Chairman, angels must have wept, over There are many such; and this is every way deplorable. It is to be deplored because half-third period of mission service in China. I

